U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

Date: February 2, 1998

Subject: Bossert Manufacturing Site
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

1/26/98 - 1/31/98: On January 29, four roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated debris totalling 100 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, 45 roll-off boxes of with a combined volume of 1,070 cubic yards have been shipped off the site.

ERRS continued to place scrap metal into roll-off dumpsters for salvaging. During this work week, one roll-off dumpster of scrap metal was shipped off site for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling.

On January 26, USA Remediation Services (asbestos abatement subcontractor) and TES Environmental Corporation of Albany (asbestos air monitoring subcontractor) began asbestos abatement activity. Removal of asbestos pipe wrapping commenced

in Area 19. Upon completion of Area 19, work continued in Areas 18, 9, 4, 10, and 12 respectively. Background air samples were collected in each area prior to any asbestos being addressed. Continuous work area air sampling took place during all abatement activity. Final clearance air samples were collected after work was completed. Clearance air sample laboratory results will determine if additional abatement is required in any particular area.

On January 28, ERRS began construction of a polyethylene lined containment structure near the east entrance within the Trimmer Room. The structure will be utilized as a scrap metal decontamination area. PCB contaminated scrap metal will be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer. Any contaminated water generated will be collected in a sump which is located within the containment structure. The scrap metal will be salvaged and recovered funds will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder during the week of February 2. Asbestos abatement activity will also continue during this week.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF FEBRUARY 2, 1998 *

ERRS Contractor	$	2,366,812
START Contractor Costs		151,576
Intramural Costs		241,935
TOTAL	$	2,760,323
Project Ceiling	$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		53.9%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Wastestream	Medium	Quantity	Containment-Migration Control	Treatment	Disposal
PCB (UN3077)	Contaminated debris	1,170 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB (UN2315)	Kiln dust & spent carbon	~ 340 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY

VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Funds Recovered
Scrap Metal	100.71 tons	$ 6,109.15

* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.

VIII. ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

Area	Tasks	% Complete
19	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	100
18	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	90
9	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	80
4	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	80
10	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	80
12	Background air sampling, asbestos removal, clearance air sampling	50